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CLAN MACFIE PROCLAMATION

CONVENING THE EIGHTH PARLIAMENT
OF CLAN MACFIE

IN pursuance of the power and authority vested in me, I, Alexander Carpendale McPhie, of Townsville in the State of Queensland, Australia, Ceann-Cath and Commander of Clan Macfie, do hereby proclaim that the Eighth Parliament of Clan Macfie, for the dispatch of Clan business, shall commence and be held on Wednesday, the fifth day of September 2001 at 10:00 a.m. in the Royal Hotel, Oban, Scotland, to continue in the said Hotel as programmed during the ensuing three days, and members of the said Clan Macfie as able, are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.



GIVEN under my hand and seal at 10 Havana Street, Townsville this twenty seventh day of March two thousand and one.

A. C (Sandy) McPhie Ceann Cath, Commander of Clan Macfie

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



The Clan Macfie
Parliament to be
held in Scotland in
September this year
will see our Clan
Society represented
by some 10 Aussies
so our banner will
fly high. Merilyn
and I look forward
to catching up with
other Macfies from
around the world

and renewing friendships made at earlier gatherings.

Of course two of the Aussies going are Sandy
McPhie, our Clan Commander and Helen.
A Clan without a hereditary Chief may be headed
by a Commander during the vacancy in the
Chieftainship and in September, 1989, the Lord
Lyon in Edinburgh appointed Sandy as Caenn-Cath
(Clan Commander) of the Clan Macfie and it is
Sandy who has convened this forthcoming Clan
Parliament.

The Highland Games in Bundanoon last April were yet another great success with over 20,000 attending. Our Clan was well represented by ACT Vice President Glen McPhee with Glenda and NSW Vice President Geoff McPhee with Ruth. who manned a tent giving those who made enquiries help with matters Macfie.

Society Vice President Peter McPhee and Bernie McPhee were at the Ringwood Highland Games over Easter where they too had a tent to promote the Macfie Clan.

Peter also arranged a "A true Scottish Luncheon" on Macfie Day, 27th May, at the Mitcham RSL in Victoria to honour the fact that the Caenn-Cath of Clan Macfie is an Aussie viz, Sandy McPhie. These activities are just so important in furthering our Clan and Society and so thank you to all those who helped make these days a success.

Thank very much to those members who have made donations to our Society this year as your donations help so much in allowing us to fulfil our Society's roles.

As always, let's take care of each other, Brian McPhee CLAN GATHERING

From Iain and Fiona McFie, Clan Gathering Coordinators

We are now in the final planning stage of the quadrennial Gathering. However, we are still awaiting replies from a large number of Clanfolk who have indicated an interest in attending the Gathering. I, therefore, respectfully ask that those who are definitely attending complete and send to the Coordinators questionnaire and deposit.

Please note that we have to inform the Hotel by the middle of July how many rooms we will require. The Hotel deposit is required now and the full payment by mid July.

The Foot and Mouth epidemic is almost completely eradicated. There is a small area in the Borders where there is still a hold on movement. While there is the possibility of some isolated cases surfacing, the Government's Chief Veterinary Officer hopes to declare Scotland a Foot and Mouth free area.

Please confirm your attendance as soon as possible.

Our apologies to those who have already replied.

General News

Vale

Charmain McPhie. (Civil Celebrant) Reported in Courier Mail 25 May 2001

Edward (Ted) McPhee. The Brisbane Courier Mail of 30 May carried a funeral notice for Ted McPhee of Bell, Q. Funeral was in Bell on the 31st May 2001

Sandy McPhie passed on condolences on behalf of the Clan and the Clan Society.

Ted (Q77-326) and wife Dorothy (Q77-327) were long term supporters of the Clan Society and things Scottish.

They were very active in the genealogy of their extended family and even hosted a big McPhee gathering in Bell before our Society formed. Their children are also Society

Vale con't

members Jean Davies (Q77-329), John (Q77-330) and Keith (R77-328) now in Sydney.

Alec McPhee (N88-676) Hamilton NSW in July 2000

New Members Welcome

Suzanne Reynolds (S01-959) Gawler SA Ian Johnston (N01-960) Cordeaux Heights NSW Fiona Thompson (N01-961) born 3/10/00 Congratulations to Hilary McPhee for being awarded Officer (AO) General Division Hilary Jane McPhee, Fitzroy Vic for service to the arts, promoting Australian writers as a literary publisher and to arts administration through the Australia Council

Donations

A very warm thank you to members who have included generous donations with their subscriptions. They are very much appreciated and acknowledged below:

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Bev McPhee

Gilbert McPhee



Who #**/# forgot to pay

Subscriptions

If you are one of the members who have not paid your subscription for the year 2001, it would be really appreciated if you did so now.

Our subscriptions are modest and principally cover the costs of printing and mailing Newsbulletins

Non payment really hurts our finances whilst we continue to send out Newsbulletins.

Subscriptions: Single \$10 Family \$15

> Payments should be sent to Ian McPhee (Treasurer) 15 Chatswood Crescent Kidman Park SA 5025



Faces of Bundanoon 2001

GENEAOLOGY

With many thanks to our Clan Society Historian – Trevor Phee 24 Bibby St Hamilton NSW 2303

Ancestor hunting is not easy and the chances of you tracking your family back centuries are few and far between. Most people do well to get back to 1855, the year that compulsory population registers began in Scotland.

Ordinary people rarely feature in the records; kings and nobles, that's another matter. Even the spelling of names is a problem. If you stick to the one spelling of your name, for instance, then you're in big trouble. There has been no consistency down this path, as the records were written by clerks who spelled the names as they were pronounced.

In the 17th century you will quite often find the same name spelled differently on the same document. Spellings changed dramatically over time, which can confuse people to no end. Be prepared to find your name spelt quite differently from what you are used to.

The eccentricities and errors of clerks are not the only issues to be looked at either. Some families consciously changed their surname. Occasionally, this was for political reasons. It was wiser in parts of Scotland 200 years ago not to have an Irish surname so O'Malley became Malley. The old patronymics (Johnson, Jackson etc) were declining anyway. If you were called Ritcheson or Christieson in 1600, it was probably Ritchie or Christle by 1700. The name Ewing started as Hewingson 300 years ago.

All of this is assuming that records exist at all, as many people did not get recorded. By 1855 church records were a bit of a mess. A charge had been levied from 1780 onwards to register births etc. As a result many families just did not bother.

Also the disruption of the church in 1843 meant that huge numbers of people were no longer going to be recorded in the existing records. The Free Churches compiled registers, but they were a bit erratic, at least in the beginning. Also records thinned out as papers were thrown away. Lawyers were the worst for this. Another difficulty is that the session clerks who kept the registers were usually school-masters, and when they got a job elsewhere, they often took the records with them. This created numerous gaps.

Then there was the problem of thatched cottages. Mice eating the documents? Damp making the ink run? No, it was that thatched cottages where teachers lived had a terrible habit of catching on fire. Despite their faults, parish registers remain the best source of information up to 1855, and civil registers after then, but they don't really cater for people moving about.

People always want to know if their ancestors have been involved in great events such as battles and natural disasters, but this is actually hard information to find. Despite Scotland's long history of fighting, and a countryside littered with battlefields, few records of wars are ever detailed. Usually, only the losers get a mention - such as the prisoners of the 1745 Battle of Culloden for instance. Other great upheavals leave even fainter traces - with the exception, it seems, of outbreaks of



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The Cessnock Family History Group has put together a Cessnock Pioneer Register onto CD. 1 believe it is about \$37.50 (including postage), for more information, you can write to them at PO Box 225 Cessnock NSW 2325, or you can phone their Treasurer on (02) 49901788, or you can check out their web page at:

http:\\freeweb.digiweb.com/family/CessnockDistrict/index

The Grafton Historical Society has Passenger Lists of every ship that has come into NSW. 1 do not know which year it stops at.

A Mr Victor Vine-Hall has a book out as to where to look up records in regard to 'Family Tree Research'. This book can be obtained at most Libraries. Also another good book in this regard is the 'Genealogical Services Directory; this book is updated every 12 months and can be obtained from; Gould Books

PO Box 126 Gumeracha, South Australia 5233. Phone: (08) 83891611 Fax: (08) 83891599

Internet: http://www.gould.com.au Emall: inquiries@gould.com.au

This particular book covers Australia, New Zealand, America, Canada, also Scotland, England, Ireland, and Wales.

Scotland Register of Baptisms, Marriages, and Deaths

In 1552 the general provincial council of Scotland ordered that each parish should keep a Register which should record Baptisms and Marriages, but this was observed by only a few parishes until the 1800s.

In 1616 the newly formed Church of Scotland issued an edict that every member church should keep a record of Baptisms, Marriages, and Deaths, but only a few parishes took any action in this regard. In fact only 21 parishes kept registers before 1700 and 35 did not start registers until 1801, Very few of the registers of Scotland have been printed and published or even transcribed into manuscript.



A great photograph of an old Scot.

Piper. Moffat McLachlan was a well known bagpiper player in Ballarat in 1854. (The Ballarat Courier 1 May 2001) Western Australian Sites: www.askted.com.au
When you open the home page just type in the
search bar, "Genealogy". In this site you will find
the Australian Federation of Family History.
However, if you would like to go straight to this site,
it is www.affho.org/

Western Australian Mailing Lists: We all know that our western state covers a large area. To cater for such an extensive place, there are eight newly formed "Mailing Lists" that have been created through the Rootsweb Family. If you would like to know more about these mailing lists, visit http://lists.rootweb.cGm/index.intl/AUS/ where you will find links to these lists and more great mailing lists.

Another Australian newsgroup: AUSSIE-GEN-RESEARCH (AGR) has been born. For everyone interested in Australian genealogy, it is a very warm and friendly List started by "List Dad" (moderator) Raymond Henderson. To subscribe, simply send an email to AUSSIE-GEN-RESEARCH-L-request@,rootsweb.com (list mode) or AUSSIE-GEN-RESEARCH-D-request@rootsweb.com (digest mode) With nothing in the subject line and just the word 'subscribe' in the main body of the email

SAG Library Catalogue Online: The Society of Australian Genealogist's computerised catalogue, Athena, which represents more that 19,000 items -books, pamphlets, microfiche and microfilm - is now online. This doesn't represent the entire holdings, but updates are being done on a quarterly basis. The catalogue is available from both the Richmond Villa and Rumsey Hall locations, or at http://www.sag.org.au/collctn.htm

Web Sites.

Antivirus Software.

http://antivirus.about.com/compute/antivir us/libLM/blprevent.htm

Australian Convict Dictionary.

http://www.ancestry.com/search/rectype/in bbds/5517.htm

Free Historic Maps. http://www.old-maps.co.uk/oldSite/index.htm

Local Government Cemeteries Information Group. http://groups.yahoo.com/group/lgcignsw

Metropolitan Cemetery Board (WA)

http://mcb. wa. gov. au

Old Burial Grounds of Sydney.

http://www.geocities.comHeartland/Hollow/6756/old-bury..htm

Crows Nest Shire QLD Cemeteries.

http://www.cnnet.com.au/infodesk/health/dehault.html

Immigration Resources.

http://weblink.solutions.net.au/~guthriggs/ shipres.htm

Shipping & Immigration Page.

http://www.acay.com.au/-,gsm/ships.html

Family Entries- Hunter Valley McPhees

The following information is extracted from 'Family Entries, Birth, Deaths, Marriages with some personalities, institutions and oddments in the Hunter Valley District 1843 - 1905. 'Compiled by Ben W.Champion, BDS, DDSC, FICD, FRACDS.

John Mephee (Glenrose) Mrs. John McPhee. Birth of son at Glenrose on the 9th of February 1853. M.M. 16-12-1853.

Martin MePhee (Glenrose) George Martin, farmer of Banficid. Marriage - Mary youngest daughter of Donald McPhee of Glenrose near Clarencelown on the 9th of October 1855 by Rev. A.M. Sherriff. M.M. 20-10-1855-

Macfie -MeDonald George Frederick, Marriage to Susannah Smith daughter of Rev. George Macfie at Pitt Town Manse on the 6th of August 1859. George son of John McDonald, Pitt Town. M.M. 13-8-1859@

McPhie (CampbellsHill) Mrs.lno.Birth of daughter to Mrs.lno MePhieat Campbell's HI-II on the20th of August 1885. M.M. 19-9-1885. Mrs. MeGrath died 7-11-1879, Grandson John McFee died 18-5-1880.

MePhie Mrs. John McPhie. Birth of son on the 22nd of August 1887 at residence, Semphill Street West Maitiand. M.M. 27-8-1887.

MePhie-Wynne

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Ven. Archdeacon Child, John McPhie, son of late John McPhle, Iona, Woodville to Ada Ellen, daughter of John Wynne of Woodville. M.M. 26-7-1884.

MeFee Patrick James. Death at Collingwood, Melbourne, Victoria, at residence of son-in-law, G. Pettel of Collingwood, Patn'ck James McFee, in his 56th year. N.M.H. 6-10-1888.

Macfie Mrs. John, Birth of twin daughters to the wife of John Macfie on the 23rd of December 1892 at Mount Eden, Waratah. N.M.H.27-12-1892. Annie S. and Cora M. married to John and Emma.

McPhie. Angus. Corporal. Funeral of Corp. Angus McPhie. Military Funeral Style, to move from residence of John McPhie, Bourke Street Newcastle, tomorrow at 3:00. M.M. 28-2-1892, son of John and Catherine.

MePhie Alexander died on the 27th of January 1893 at Tulcurnbah Station, Alexander McPhie son of late John McPhie of Iona, Woodville M.M. 28-2-1893. (Sandy McPhie Family.

MaePhie (John and Emma) Pearl. Died on the 23rd of April 1893 at Mt.-Eden, Pearl MacPhie, daughter of John Macfie, aged 4 months.N.M.H 4-2 1893

McKinnon Mrs. J., Death of a very old resident of Rouchel, died at the age of 85 years. A resident for 50 years, born in Inverness Shire, Scotland. Twice married, leaves a grown up son, himself a Grandfather, by first marriage, no issue to second marriage. She died at Scone on the 8th of April 1896 and was interred in the Dalvey Private Cemetery, Rev, W. N. Nelson conducted the service. She is the mother of John MePhee of Glen Nevis. She leaves 9 Grandchildren and 2 Great Grandchildren. M.M. 10-4-1896. Origionally Jane Cameron, then MePhee, then McKinnon (Scone Family).

MeFee Mrs. W.T. - Birth of a son to the wife of W,T. McFee on the 27th of May at Raeville, Walisend. Death of son of Mr. and Mrs. MeFee, Thomas, after 4 days of life. N.M.H@ 1-6-J9W.

MePhee William. Death of William McPhee, Fern Street Islington, husband of Grace MePhee, aged 43 years (horn 1860). N.M.11. 10-5-1903.

MePhee William.Funeral to leave Fern Street Isljington this day at 2:00 for Presbyterian Cemetery Sandgate. N.M.H. 12-5-1903.

Reference= N.M.H -Newcastle Morning Herald., MM Maitland Mercury.

1851 FLECTORAL ROLL-Victorian McPhees

McFee, William dwelling house, Little Collins St La Trobe Ward Melbourne

1856 Electoral Roll Victoria McPhee, Alexander ST (Storekeeper) Daisy Hill Subdivision McPhee, Alexander WIfiTE HILLS (Miner) Miner's Right, Mandurang Division Donald (in duplicate) GREEN McPhee, GULLY, Freeholder, Mt. Franklin Div. McPhee, Donald, at the diggings (gold miner), Freehold, Wellington St., Windsor Div. McPhee, John off Clarence St., Freehold, off Clarence St, Asbby Division McPhee. John EMU FLAT (Servant) Salary 100 Pounds p.a.from Mr. McPherson, Emu Flat, Villiers Division MePhee, Nicol DEEP CREEK, Miners Right, Mt Franklin Division McPherson, Ewan ROTHWELL, farmer Maddingly Div

1856 CENSUS OF VICTORIA

Lloyd, William Clarence St (Clerk) Salary100
Pounds (Holmes White) dwelling house Clarence
St.(Married Margaret McPhee)
Loney, Samuel, Wimmera (Sherpherd) Freehold
three cottages off Little Bourke St., Eastern Hill
Division (Father of Bridget who n~ed John McP.)
Liston, James Brittania St., (Cowkeeper) dwelling
house Brittania St., Ashby Div (his niece,
Catherine Cecelia, married Hector MePhee)
Liston, Robert CLUNES (Miner) Miners Right
Ballaratt, Creswick Division.

Queensland Pre Separation List.

24 th to 26th of April 1855. Mary MacPhee, British female. Source of Information, the Moreton Bay General Hospital (Brisbane General Hospital).

18 th of August 1854. John McFie, British male. Source of information, shipping arrivals at Moreton Bay.

St Paul Church

The church of St. Paul is an edifice of stone in the Norman style, consisting of chancel, nave, aisle and a western belfry containing 2 bells: There is a memorial window (erected by his sister, Mary Embleton) to Sidney Howey, who with his wife and six children, was drowned off Sydney Heads in June 1838; another, erected by the Rev. F.R. Simpson, a former incumbent, to his wife and children, and a third in the chancel, erected by J.R. Johnson esq. M.A. of North Sunderland, to the memory of his father: The three west windows, in memory of the

Rev. A-M. MacPhee M.A. vicar 1890-1902, were presented in 1924 by his widow: there is also a brass tablet to the Rev. Evan Hughes, incumbent 1886-90, who died 27 Oct. 1890: a new organ was provided in 1921

The register dates from the year 1834. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £395, with house, in the gift of Lord Crewe's trustees, and held since 1912 by the Rev. Frederick Stone M.A. of Oxford University. [Kelly's Northumberland Directory (1925), page 495.1 (Sent in byTrevor Phee)

Townships

NORTH SUNDERLAND is a township, parish and large village on the east coast, 8 miles south-east from Belford. North Sunderland was formed into an ecclesiastical parish from Bamburgh in 1833, and includes the townships of North Sunderland, Fleetharn and Elford, in the Berwick-upon-Tweed division of the county, Bamburgh ward and petty sessional division, union of Belford, county court district of Berwickon-Tweed, rural deanery of Bamburgh, archdeaconry of Lindisfarne and diocese of Newcastle. (Sent in by Trevor Phee)



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No: 31 2001 13™ INTERNATIONAL GATHERING AND

JULY

8TH PARLIAMENT OF CLAN MACFIE

INTERNATIONAL GATHERING AND CLAN PARLIAMENT SCOTLAND, 4th TO 12th SEPTEMBER 2001

Arrangements for the 13th International Gathering and 8th Clan Parliament of Clan Macfie in Oban, Scotland, have been all but finalised by the Gathering Co-ordinators, Iain and Fiona McFie. The programme is set out below. All Oban activities will be centered on the Royal Hotel, Argyll Square.

GATHERING IN OBAN

Saturday 8th

p.m. hours

1000

Tuesday, 4th Gathering Registration, Royal Hotel, Oban 1500 Commander's Reception 1700 - 1830 Local Entertainment 2100 Wednesday 5th Opening Ceremony, Clan Parliament 1000 Parliament First Session, Clan Business 1030 Tour Inverary Castle and Jail 1400 Clan Ceilidh 2030 Thursday 6th Parliament Second Session, Clan Society 1000 Business Walking Tour of Oban - or free 1400 Scottish Night - local entertainment 2100 Friday 7th Tour of Kilmartin Valley 1000 Clan Dinner - Special Guests Alastair 2000 Campbell of Airds and Mrs. Campbell

Parliament Final Session and Closure

Free - or Walking Tour of Oban

2100 Scottish Night - local entertainment

COLONSAY VISIT

Sunday 9th	
a.m. hours	Free in Oban
1530	Ferry Departs for Colonsay
1730	Ferry Arrives Colonsay, evening free
Monday 10th	Haddley Beet 1
a.m. hours	Free time
1400	Welcome and Island briefing, Village Hall
1530	Visit Oronsay
2000	Ceilidh, Village Hall
Tuesday 11th	
a.m. hours	Visit Carragh Mhic-a-Phi etc
p.m. hours	Free time
2000	Ceilidh, Village Hall
Wednesday 12	2th Market Colombia (1914) (1914)
1145	Gather at Pier to farewell early leavers
1205	Ferry departs for Oban. ETA 1445

The latest arrangements, programmes and instructions etc., for accommodation, function and tours, can be found on the Gathering Homepage at <www.mcfie.org.uk>.. Alternatively, they can be obtained by contacting the Co-ordinators direct at: Coulintyre, Kincraig, Kingussie. PH21 1LX, Scotland. Tel/Fax: 01540 651 391, Email: <iain@mcfie.org.uk>.

Bookings for functions, tours and accommodation in Oban are to be arranged through the Co-ordinators. Please do not try to book direct. Iain and Fiona will forward a booking and registration form to participants <u>provided</u> you let them know you are attending. For those visiting Colonsay, it is intended that bookings for the Colonsay Cottages and on the CalMac ferries be made on this registration form. However, those wishing to stay at the Colonsay Hotel, Chalets or B & Bs will be required to make their own accommodation bookings on the island - addresses etc., are available from the Co-ordinators or on the Colonsay homepage <www.colonsay.org.uk/index.html>.

CLAN DIARY

			(The 27th May each year is Clan Macfie Day)
2001	7	July	Sweden. Thorburn-Macfie Family Society. 22nd TGM
			Gustafisberg's Seaside Resort, Uddevalla 11:00 a.m all day
			(Contact Ulf Hagman 0522-136-70, Email: <ulfmh@swipnet.se>)</ulfmh@swipnet.se>
	12/15	July	USA. MacDuffee/Macfie Clan Society of America, AGM
			Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Linville, NC
			(Contact Colleen Glenn (423) 988 - 8178)
	4/5	August	U.S.A. Cathey Reunion Association BGM Salisbury NC
			(Contact Jim Epperson 704-633-8023)
	4/5	August	U.S.A. Coffey/Coffee Reunion Association of Texas. Amarillo TX
			(Contact Ilah Merriman 972-934-8360, Email: <icmerriman@aol.com>)</icmerriman@aol.com>
	19	August	Australia - Sydney Scottish Week commences
	4/12	September	Scotland. 8th Clan Parliament and 13th International Gathering of Clan Macfie
		him series il tanto	Royal Hotel, Oban, and on Colonsay. (Contact Secretariat or Gathering Co-ordinators Iain
			and Fiona McFie, Scotland, 015-40-651-391 or email <iain@mcfie.org.uk>)</iain@mcfie.org.uk>
	20	October	U.S.A Clan Macfie Society of North America AGM
			Stone Mountain Highland Games, Atlanta, GA
			(Contact Jim MacAfee (931) 858 - 4790)
	27	October	Scotland Clan Macfie Society AGM, Glasgow
			(Contact Shiona Thornley (0131) 447 - 0631)
	TBA	December	New Zealand. Square Day, Palmerston North
			(Contact Eric Wadsworth, 37 William Street, Petone, New Zealand
			Tel: 568 5977 Email: ericar@paradise.net.nz)
2002	TBA	May	Australia. The Macfie Clan Society of Australia Biennial General Meeting
	TBA	May	New Zealand. McPhee Clan Society of New Zealand Annual General Meeting
	27	May	Clan Macfie Day worldwide
	TBA	November	Canada. Macfie Clan Society in Canada Biennial General Meeting

EXCELLENCE RECOGNITION FOR "CLAN CHATTER"

In their 2001 International Newsletter Contest the Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library in Maultrie, Georgia, U.S.A., and The Family Tree, have awarded an "Honourable Mention for Overall Excellence" for a Scottish Clan Magazine to "Clan Chatter" the quarterly newsletter of the MacDuffee/Macfie Clan Society of America Inc. Congratulations to Editor Bruce J. MacDuffee of Oceanside, CA., and all his willing helpers. Well Done! This recognition of one of our Clan Macfie Society magazines is most welcome for all nine Societies produce creditable publications and have done so for some time, in some cases under a succession of editors. In the case of this award, the "Clan Chatter" team and the MacDuffee/Macfies have received an impressive award certificate dated 1st June 2001 and signed by Melody Stinson Jenkins, Library Director and Beth Gay DCTJ, FSA Scot, Family Tree Editor.

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS (UHI)

The University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI) serves a population of around half a million in a geographical area accounting for half of Scotland or one fifth of the UK. The university, which received its first funding in 1996, to-day links thirteen colleges and their associated learning centres from the Shetlands down to Argyll and has created some twenty new degree courses. It is contributing to the turnaround in the Highlands and Islands population trend of declining populations over the past twelve decades. Amongst others, UHI has established a Centre for Mountain Studies at Perth College - the first of its kind in Britain - and a

postgraduate course, an MA Archaeological Practice, at Orkney College where fieldwork on world class archaeological sites can be conducted on site in the Shetlands and Caithness.

Penny Davis has commenced a Newsletter on behalf of the UHI Development Trust and can be contacted at <info@co.uhi.ac.uk> or care of the UHI Executive Office, Caledonia House, 63 Academy Street, Inverness, 1V1 1BB, Scotland. She will be delighted to hear from anyone interested in, or wishing to support the UHI. The University website can be found at <www.friends.uhi.ac.uk>.

CLAN MACFIE SOCIETY IN IRELAND CLOSES DOWN

The Clan Macfie Society (Ireland) was recognised by the Clan Commander in November 1998 as being a member Clan Society of Clan Macfie. The group, however, did not prosper despite energetic genealogical work carried on by its Chairman, David Morgan of Solihull, England. A change of name to The MacDhubhthaigh Society did not strengthen the Society's operation. In April this year, the Clan Commander formally withdrew his recognition of the Clan Macfie Society (Ireland) as being a member Clan Society of Clan Macfie and indicated he was not prepared to extend such recognition to The MacDhubhthaigh Society. Members of the Society/s are free to seek membership of our other Clan Societies should they so wish.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Wednesday 5th September 10:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony

Procession of Clan and Clan Society Officials

Opening of Parliament by Ceann-Cath A. C. (Sandy) McPhie

10:30 a.m.

First Session of Parliament - The Clan

Prayer, Remembrance

Greetings, Apologies and Announcements Matters Arising From the Seventh Parliament

Reports:

Clan Commander

Clan Treasurer

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Items of Business Relating to the Clan

Thursday 6th September 10:00 a.m.

Second Session of Parliament - The Clan Societies

Introduction and Announcements

Appointment of a Speaker

Matters Arising From the Seventh Parliament

Clan Society Reports:

Clan Macfie Society

The Thorburn-Macfie Family Society

Cathey Reunion Association

MacDuffee/Macfie Clan Society of America Inc.

The Macfie Clan Society of Australia

Macfie Clan Society in Canada

MacFie Clan Society of North America The McPhee Clan Society of New Zealand

Coffey/Coffee Reunion Association of Texas

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Saturday 8th September 10:00 a.m.

Third Session of Parliament

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Standing Committee and Other Reports:

Internet

International Gatherings

Genealogy

History

Memorials and Special Projects

Keeper-of-the-Records

Music, Dance and the Arts

Nomenclature

Federation Constitution Redrafting

Election of Standing Committee Chairmen for 2001-2005

Uncompleted Clan Society Business

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Mid-term Gathering 2003

International Gathering and Ninth Clan Parliament 2005

Closure of the Eighth Parliament

- Changing of the Guard in New Zealand. President James McPhee did not stand for re-election at the recent AGM of the McPhee Clan Society of New Zealand. After five years in the chair he felt it was time for a change, and for wife Mary too, after three years as editor of the Society newsletter. Both have demanding business commitments which influenced their decision, but both will remain active members of the Society. Incoming President is long term member of the Society, Eric Wadsworth of 37 William Street, Petone, just outside Wellington (email: <ericar@paradise.net.nz>). The Clan Society, incidentally, has decided to hold all future Annual General Meetings to coincide as nearly as possible with Clan Macfie Day....which we all know is 27th May, don't we?
- Death of the Duke of Argyll. Clan members will be saddened to learn of the death earlier this year of the Duke of Argyll. Aged 63, he died unexpectedly following heart surgery. A successful businessman and distinguished Clan Chief for over thirty years, he will be sadly missed. Many Clan Macfie members will have traced their family trees back to Argyll and the Estates owned by the Duke's forebears.
- Mary Grace Cathey of Greenville, SC, U.S.A., is well again after serious health problems earlier in the year.
- LtGen Carl Homer Cathey, United States Air Force, died of a heart attack late last year, aged 69. A West Point graduate, General Cathey flew operationally during the Vietnam war before moving on to a succession of staff appointments. He is survived by his wife, Marcia, a son, two daughters and four grandchildren.
- A special occasion deserves another mention Although recorded in our last Clan News, congratulations and good wishes go again to <u>Don and Helen McPhie</u> of Scarborough, ONT, Canada, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary on the 14th July.
- The Chief of Naval Staff in New Zealand is <u>Rear Admiral Peter McHaffie</u> and undoubtedly one with his heart in the right place. He keeps his own boat in a Wellington Marina - the boat's name is, naturally, "Colonsay".
- A new address for Armiger Wayne Cathey and wife Wendy they are now at 1234 Challen Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32205, U.S.A.
- ♦ Sir Charles Gavan Duffy was Premier of Victoria, in Australia during 1871 and 72. Born in Monaghan, Ireland, in 1816, he was admitted to the Bar in Ireland in 1839. He founded the "Nation" newspaper which he hoped would foster a sense of national unity and educate the Irish people towards achieving their freedom. For a time he was a member of the House of Commons for New Ross. Following political troubles in Ireland, Duffy migrated to Australia in 1855. He became involved in politics and literary life in Melbourne and helped found the "Advocate" newspaper there. He retired to Nice in France where he wrote several historical works and was a regular contributor to the London Times and Dublin periodicals and newspapers. Many of his Australian papers are held by the La Trobe University in Melbourne.

♦ www and Internet Info

- <u>Iain McHaffie</u> of Toronto, Editor of the Canada Clan Society's magazine "The Torch" has a new email address, now <mchaffie@sympatico.co>
- The Clan Secretariat's email address has been changed to <macfie@austarnet.com.au>
- <u>James and Mary McPhee</u> in New Zealand have a new email address following their move to 66 Kensington Ave., Rankjora. It is <james.mcphee@connexionz.co.nz>
- Do You Read Corncrake? "Corncrake" is the fortnightly Colonsay Newsletter edited by Kevin Byrne. It always carries
 an interesting update on doings on Colonsay and Oronsay and can be found on the Colonsay Homepage at
 http://www.colonsay.org.uk or directly on http://www.colonsay.org.uk
- Ancestor Search. Visit the Research Registry for over 100,000 research profiles at <www.ancestry.com/share/research/main.htm> or try "Search the Ancestry World Tree" at <www.ancestry.com/search/rectype/usersub/worldfree/main.htm> for the largest "free" database of family files available on internet

Research in the United States. Max G. Mahaffee of Charleston, SC, provided the following helpful information in a recent copy of "Newsbeat" the magazine of the MacFie Clan Society of North America. "If you have any idea of where the ship bringing your ancestor landed (the particular U.S. port) or the foreign port from which the ship came, then some of the ship sites might help. An example of the many sites on the internet which provide ship info is http://www.execpc.com/~haroldr/shiplist.htm. Of course Uncle Sam has information available also. The relevant site at the National Archives and Records Administration is at http://www.nara.gov/genealogy/immigration/immigrat.htm. As they note, however, 'Until January 1, 1820, the U.S. Federal Government did not require captains or masters of vessels to present a passenger list to U.S. Officials. Thus, as a general rule, NARA does not have passenger lists of vessels arriving before January 1, 1820.' Exceptions are the ports of Philadelphia and New Orleans, but those only date back to 1800. Also, there is a volunteer site, called the Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild is located at http://www.migrations.org may help you find the next place where your family moved to in the United States. We were, and are, a mobile society, which is a problem in locating your kin. Changes in the name of districts and counties in a particular state add to the intricacies of the never ending search for kin. Changes in the spelling of your surname add to the difficulties."



Scottish Convicts.

There were 8,207 Scottish convicts among nearly 150,000 convicts transported to Australia. Interestingly enough only 4.8 per cent of male convicts were Scottish, and 9.3 per cent were female. A relatively large number of Scottish convicts were transported for larceny (burglary and break and entering) committed in or around Glasgow and Edinburgh. Often, also, they were multiple offenders. John Flynn was goaled for theft, he escaped, committed another theft while free, and was transported to Van Diemen's Land in 1843. Robert Gilchrist was convicted in January 1834 in Glasgow for housebreaking with aggravation and transported to NSW for seven years. The famous Andrew Thompson was convicted of burglary at Jedburgh in 1790 and transported for fourteen years. William Highat was sentenced to fourteen years for sheep stealing in Ayshire in 1816. James Ried was a young apprentice who absconded, and was later reported to have been an old offender and escapee. Thomas MeGovan was a larcenous soldier from the 88th Regiment who was handed over for trial to the civil courts for sentencing: he and two others were transported for stealing 3 pounds 10 shillings at a tollgate.

Elizabeth McGuire, had been convicted over twenty times for drunkenness. A very high proportion of the Scottish women convicts were prostitutes, many had been on the streets a long time, up to fifteen years in some cases. Estimates for later in the nineteenth century place the number of Glasgow street-walkers at six to seven thousand. The two best known Scottish convicts in the earlier years were Thomas Watling, 'the limner of Dumfries', transported for forgery. The second, was Andrew Thompson who died in 1810 a wealthy man, the pall-bearers at his funeral were Cox, Lord, Amdell and Gregory Blaxland. Mrs McLeod of Skye was transported in the 1810's for burning down a neighbor's house in a fit of jealousy.

Even more interesting were two batches of Scottish political prisoners sent out in 1793 to 1795 and 1820. The so-called 'Scottish Martyrs' of 1792 are far better known than the radicals of 1820. Their case inspired Robert Bums's patriotic effusion 'Scots Wha Hae'. The martyrs numbered five, strictly speaking: Thomas Muir, an advocate; Thomas Fyshe Palmer, a Unitarian cleric; Maurice Margarot, a wine merchant; Joseph Gerrald, a planter - barrister; and William Skirving, a tutor. A sixth man, a weaver called George Mealmaker, was sent out in 1800 and is sometimes included among the Scottish Martyrs because he was connected with their sedition in 1792. In fact, only two of the

martyrs, Muir and Skirving, were Scottish, or three if we count Mealmaker. Their cases were notorious, their exile was famous, and Muir's escape, subsequent adventures and death were bizarre and more than sensational.

The 'Scottish Radicals' transported in 1820 were very different, lacking the social status of the martyrs, they were hardly known at all, yet made a far greater contribution to New South Wales. Nineteen were transported as a result of a fray at Boonnymuir near Stirling on 5th April 1820. Two others, Baird and Hardie, were executed. James Clelland, one of the radicals, had been saved from execution. John Anderson was from 1823 to his death in 1858 at the age of sixty-five, schoolmaster at the Presbyterian school held in the little old church at Ebenezer on the Hawkesbury. Another Thomas McCulloch prospered from stocking-maker to convict to publican to landowner. John McMillan exploited his trade of blacksmith and gradually diversifying into ship work, tool making and scale-beam making. (Thanks to Cruachan - Clan Campbell)



"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us"

Rev George Macfie was at Ebenezer Church from 1842 to 1867,

The Presbyterian Church at Ebenezer is situated on a bend of the Hawkesbury River near Windsor NSW. Its parishioners claim that it is probably the oldest church in Australia.

In 1802 a small groupd of settlers from Scotland arrived in the sailing ship Coramandel and selected sites along the banks of the Hawkesbury for their new homes. Their task of building cottages and carving a living from the wilderness was formidable

enough but somehow they found time to erect a stone church. It was completed in 1809 at a cost in terms of present day currency of \$800 (1987). From time to time the peace of the tiny Scottish community was shattered by unfriendly natives raiding bushrangers and devastating floods. When the big flood came in 1867 it swept away the wedding breakfast that had been arranged for a minister's daughter in the manse. She was Mary Sinclair Macfie and the groom W T Poole. On that occasions the bride and groom climbed out of the attic window and embarked on their honeymoon by boat.

In those early days funeral processions sailed along the Hawkesbury with the leading boat manned by rowers using muffled oars, towing the boat containing the coffin and the mourning craft following.



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BLAST FROM THE PAST

The article is a reprint from Newsbulletin No 47

March 1987.

THE REV M D GEORGE MACFIE MINISTER AT PORTLAND HEAD & PITT TOWN NSW.

In our Macfie Clan Society Newsbulletin No 16 (Nov 77) we gave a fairly comprehensive account of the Rev. Geo Macfie's time at Ebenezer Church on the Hawkesbury River, west of Sydney. He was called there in 1842 aged 53 and stayed for 25 years, rendering great service to his parishioners.

In 1987, Goodwin Macfie Poole (Q86-565) of Brisbane, a descendant of the Rev. Geo.provided the following information about his ancestor's family.

My (Goodwin) connection with "Macfie" is that my paternal grandfather's mother was Mary Sinclair Macfie, the 2nd child and 2nd daughter of the Rev. George Macfie and Eliza Hutcheson. It is, I admit, a bit remote. My father's christian names are "George Macfie" and those same names are my 2nd and 3rd. My son is "William Alexander Macfie".

For the records of the Macfies in Australia, I (Goodwin) can give you this information regarding the Rev. George Macfie:

BORN: The Barony, Glasgow, 3/10/1789. Son of Alexander Macfie and Mary Sinclair (eldest child).

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW: "Matriculated" but in view of the age, I guess this to be graduated, 1808. Taught for some years-don't know what or where or to whom...

Assistant at Yetholive for short time. Ordained in the Presbytery of Northumberland 2/7/1828 and was minister to the Church at Birdhop Craig - where he was the 9th minister, and first of the New Kirk. Remained there until 11/6/1837.

MARRIAGE: April 1833 to Eliza, youngest daughter of John Hutcheson and Susannah, of Fullear, Renfew. (He was then 44 y.o. and she 29). Eliza Macfie died 22/6/1899 at Linden (near Woodford) aged 95.

CAME TO NSW: As one of a party of 8 ministers and 4 probationers through the influence of Dr. Dunmore Lang. Arrived in Sydney per ship "Portland" 3/12/1837. (Aged 48). Went to Penrith for about 6 months. Then to Moronga, Bergalia, (down near Nowra) in 1838 - taking in Bega and all surrounding districts. There was no church building and he travelled from station to station, preaching, marrying, baptising and holding commemorative services for the dead.

In 1842 (aged 53) he was called to Portland Head and Pitt Town where he was inducted to Ebenezer Church - but still continuing to visit Bergalia annually (riding from Pitt Town on a packhorse) as there was no other minister. He kept this up at least until 1859 (age 70) and possibly later. He retired from Ebenezer in 1867 (after the big flood) leaving his successor, The Rev. David Moore, in charge of the Parish.

CHILDREN:

Susannah Smith - born Birdhop Craig 26/3/1834; Married 6/8/1859,, to George Fredrich Macdonald of Glenmore, Rothbury, NSW. (Some of their descendants included John Macdonald near Gladstone). Died Glernnore 20/2/1930(85Y.llm.)

- Mary Sinclair born Birdhop Craig 15/4/1837 married /6/1867 at Pitt Town, W.T. Poole. Died, Sydney 13/10/1903.
- Magdalene Allen born 21/8/1839 at Bergalia.
 Died Sydney 19/4/1920 (80 y).
- Catherine- born 21/4/1841 at Bergalia. Died Sydney 14/7/1915 (74y)
- George Alexander- born Pitt Town 20/5/1843, Died Sydney 9/3/1886
- John Hutcheson-born Pitt Town 21/3/1847, Married 4/4/1877, Emma eldest daughter of John
- McCullock of Deniliquin. Died 23/11/1918 (Emma died 1925).

Rev Geo Macfie died. Kegworth Petersham 17/121869 aged 80. Buried – Balmain Cemetery. There is a memorial to him, Eliza Hutcheson (his wife) and to Alexander Macfie at Ebenezer. I am not sure who this 'Alexander' is – either a son who died in infancy and is not recorded elsewhere or 'George Alexander' a son who died at about 13 years.



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Clan Macfie Society of Australia Financial Statement,

The Income and Expenditure Account and the Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December 2000 are available from the President on request.

Congratulations to John and Robyn Hancox (nee Macfie)



Robyn and John were Married on: 3 June 2000. It had been a beautiful sunny autumn day turning into a delicious crisp, clear night.

Place: The wedding was held at 5.00pm on the balcony of The Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, Kirribilli wherein we are members.

Groom: A lifetime sailor, born in Queensland, John and I met whilst sailing and it has been our shared passion since.

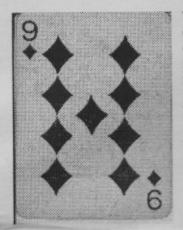
Honeymoon: We own a 36' Catalina yacht
"Magnificat" built in the USA and after our
wedding sailed north to the Whitsundays, spending
six months cruising and returning leisurely. A story
in itself!. As we are not in the first bloom of youth,
we were married to the strains of a violin quartet
playing Vivaldi's Four Seasons - Autumn.

Guests included fellow sailors, landlubbers and a few family members including the bride's mother, sister and brother-in-law and the groom's three adult married children who all decreed it to be a wonderful night.

If there is anything you may like to ask or add we can be contacted on our e-mail address: rooj@ozemail.com.au

R A Hancox nee Macfie

Curse of Scotland



The nine of diamonds playing card is often referred to as the "Curse of Scotland.

There are a number of reasons for this connection.

 It was the playing card used by Sir

John Dairymple, the Earl of Stair, to cryptically authorise the Glencoe Massacre.

- Certainly there is a resemblance between the nine of diamonds and his coat of arms.
- The Duke of Cumberland is supposed to scribbled the order for 'no quarter' to be given after the battle of Culloden on the nine of diamonds playing card.
- It has also been suggested that it is a
 misreading of the "Corse of Scotland" i.e. the
 "Cross of Scotland" or St Andrew's Saltire.
 There is a resemblance between the pattern of
 the nine of diamonds and the Saltire.
- Nine diamonds were at one time stolen from the crown of Scotland and a tax was levied on the Scottish people to pay for them - the tax got the nickname "The Curse of Scotland".

The first two explanations are the ones most commonly given.

(Thanks to the Caledonian, Official Journal of the Royal Caledonian Society of South Australia)

General Clan Society News

From the Desk of the Clan Commander Sandy McPhie March 2001

STOP PRESS Word has just come through that we have a new Clan Armiger. Congratulations to Des Duffy Esq., of Welling, outside London. Arms granted with effect 3rd November last year - more details next Clan News.

Clan Treasurer Appointed. The Clan Commander announced the appointment of Mr. Peter McPhee of 7 Shewsbury Road, Nunawading, (in Melbourne) Victoria 3131, Australia, as Clan Treasurer at the beginning of this year.. Following the resignation of Treasurer, Nevell McPhee,

formerly of Toowoomba, then Caloundra, Q. some years ago, the post of Clan Treasurer had been filled on a temporary basis by Lorraine McPhee of Toowoomba, Q. Australia, and by the Clan Commander. Peter, aged 54, conducts his own business as a Property Valuer, Auctioneer and Real Estate Agent. He is a former National President of the JCs in Australia and has been Vice-President of The Macfie Clan Society of Australia since 1994.

Clan Parliament Genealogy Committee. Russell and Jane Bailey of Wilmington, SC, USA have reluctantly resigned as joint chairmen of the Clan Parliament Genealogy Committee due to health problems. The appointment of a new chairman will probably be left in abeyance until Clan Parliament in September.

Clan Macfie and Siol Alpin. One Kenneth McAlpine of California is seeking to have Clan MacAlpine recognised as an "active" Clan. The Clan's history goes back over twelve hundred years to King Kenneth MacAlpine and the Siol Alpin group of Clans in Scotland of which one was Clan Macfie. We are supporting Kenneth in this. His Clan Society homepage can be found at www.macalpineclan.com

NEW LORD LYON APPOINTED

A new Lord Lyon King of Arms for Scotland has been appointed to succeed Sir Malcolm Innes of Edinburgh who retired recently at his own request after twenty years in office. Mr. Robin Blair, 61, a partner in the firm Dundas and Wilson, solicitors, was appointed as the new Lyon in early February by Her Majesty the Queen. The Lord Lyon office dates back to 1318 when Robert the Bruce inaugurated a King of Arms. No other Herald in Europe has such jurisdiction and rank. In this instance, the appointment came from 57 applicants following the first ever advertising of the post.



MAY DAY QUEEN

NATALIE McPHIE

(Townsville Bulletin 8 May 01)

The ULDB Project



In January, the Secretariat distributed to all Clan Societies brief information NASA's scientific Duration Ultra Long Balloon (ULDB) flight which was due then to lift off from Alice Springs in the centre of Australia and circle the globe at around 35 km. or 115,000 ft. in 12 to 20 days. The flight

was to be-followed by a second one from New Zealand at the end of the year at the same altitude and making numerous circuits of the earth over 100 days. Our big interest was in Clan member Henry Cathey being the Balloon Vehicle Manager for the project and a small piece of Macfie tartan being aboard.

The best laid plans do not always come to fruition, however. With adverse weather conditions across Australia for the early part of the year, lift-off was delayed until late February but it quickly met difficulties and was grounded an hour later. A second flight early this month saw the balloon reach a height of 107,000 ft. and stay aloft for 24 hours before malfunctions after passing over large thunderstorm cells caused it's ditching just half a mile from the western coast of Australia. No doubt, Henry and Co., will rethink the project and try

again in a month or two. For the scientific minded, the ULDB project was a feature article in the November 1999 issue of "Scientific American". Henry is pictured at right, in Alice Springs, with the piece of Macfie tartan sent aloft.

15th CENTURY CLAYMORE

Several years ago farmer Alan Cameron of the Black Isle near Inverness pulled a rusty old piece of iron from a field he was clearing. Not "Excalibar" it was, however, a most significant find and duly identified by the National Museum of Scotland experts as being a 15th Century Highland Claymore. The first such claymore to come out of the ground, it is one of only thirty weapons of that era known to exist to-day. A long handled and fearsome arm of over five feet in length, it would have been worn over a Highlander's shoulder when not in use. Declared as treasure trove, the find brought a reward for Mr. Cameron.





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